

# Alaska Reads Act: Educator Qualifications

## K-3 Teacher or Administrator

Any teacher or administrator responsible for reading instruction for kindergarten through 3rd grade students- this includes special education teachers and ELL/ESL teachers.

New hires after **July 1, 2025** have to be endorsed prior to teaching in a K-3 classroom

Path to Certification:

- 45 hour Department Approved Professional Development- Currently Keys to Literacy or LETRS is being offered free of charge

Choice of One:

- OR**
- Praxis II Teaching Reading (5204)
  - Praxis II Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205)
  - Praxis II Teaching Reading: K-12 (5206)
  - Pearson Foundation of Reading



## Early Education Lead

The teacher responsible to oversee Early Education programs.

Path to Certification:

- 6 credits in early childhood education
- Two or more years experience teaching kindergarten or in an early education program
- Successful completion of an evidence-based reading training course approved by the department

## Reading Teacher

The teacher responsible for supporting, supervising, and/or providing interventions of the Individual Reading Improvement Plans. This role is defined by the district.

Path to Certification:

- Same professional development or exam options as K-3 Teacher
- Submission of a reading instruction efficiency evaluation form certified by a district representative